

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

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NANOCOMPOSITES, METHODS OF  
MAKING, AND USE AS A PERMEABLE  
REACTIVE BARRIER

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

This amendment is submitted simultaneously with a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE). Prior to continued examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.